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Applicants: L.W. Graham et al. Attorney Docket No. SEMT116060
Application No.: 09/429,446 Group Art Unit: 1741
Filed: October 28, 1999 Examiner: W.T. Leader
Title: METHOD, CHEMISTRY, AND APPARATUS FOR NOBLE METAL
ELECTROPLATING ON A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS/
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101
March 14, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Appeal

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated September 16, 2002, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 15-34.

The required fee of \$320.00 is included in our enclosed Check No. 146528.

B. Request for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 16, 2002, and for filing this appeal, set to expire on December 16, 2002, be extended by three months to expire on March 16, 2003.

The amount of \$930.00 (three months extension) is included in our enclosed Check No. 146528.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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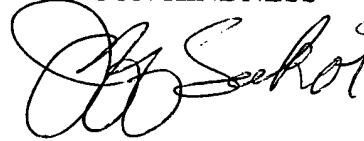
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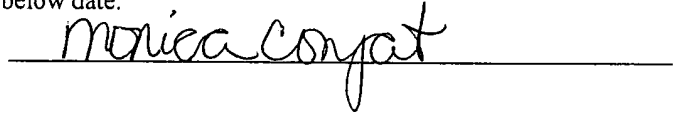


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